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Jittery Times for Treasonous Americans*Russian Defector Points Out Spies
in U.S. Agencies*

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The names of more than 150 espionage agents in this country and abroad have been given to U.S. authorities by Yuri Nosenko, the important Russian secret police official who defected in Geneva last month.

His sensational disclosures put the finger on at least five spy rings, one reputedly in a highly sensitive U.S. agency.

Among those named by the former ranking KGB officer are scientists, key-placed government employees, businessmen and newspapermen—all allegedly members of a far-flung Russian espionage system in the Western Hemisphere.

Arrests and dismissals from U.S., British and French intelligence and diplomatic services

are expected to follow Nosenko's sensational revelations.

Now in political asylum in the U.S., he is being exhaustively "debriefed" by Central Intelligence authorities. His defection and detailed information are deemed so extraordinary by congressional leaders that they have taken the unusual step of personally impressing on CIA Director John McCone the necessity of exercising the utmost care in safeguarding Nosenko.

The congressional leaders are making no bones of their anxiety about possible attempts on Nosenko's life by KGB agents. His "elimination" would be a great relief to many Soviet spies in the U.S. and elsewhere.

A major factor in this congressional concern is inde-

knowledge that both Nosenko and "Michael Goleniewski", the former ranking Polish KGB official who defected to the U.S. several years ago, have charged that the State Department and CIA have been "penetrated" by Soviet agents.

Both defectors were explicit in their jarring accusations—naming names and other details.

As a consequence, the congressional leaders are frankly uneasy about CIA and State Department handling of defectors. Blunt doubts have been voiced about the nature and reliability of protective measures.

The backstage apprehensions have resulted in investigations being launched by two influential congressional committees—the Internal Security

Committee, headed by Senator James Eastland, D-Miss., and the House Subcommittee of Immigration, headed by Representative Michael Feighan, D-O.

Senator Eastland has issued a subpoena for "Goleniewski" (the name given him by the CIA to conceal his true identity) and requested that agency to bring him before the committee for questioning.

The committee particularly wants to get at the bottom of why nothing has been done about various individuals identified by "Goleniewski" as Soviet agents.

Some of them are in the CIA and State Department.

"Goleniewski" reported this to the CIA but the Eastland committee has been told no action has been taken on his de-

tailed charges.

Representative Feighan has personally talked with "Goleniewski" and as a result feels very strongly it is urgent to dig into whether defectors are being properly "debriefed" and guarded.

In his meeting with Feighan "Goleniewski" flatly stated that he feared for his life.

The one-time important Polish secret police official told Feighan the astonishing story of being taken into a room with a group of CIA agents for a discussion, only to discover "one of my own agents sitting in front of me."

"Goleniewski" related he feigned illness and called off the meeting. Later, he informed his CIA "control man" what actually happened, and

subsequently the "double agent" disappeared. "Goleniewski" told Feighan he had no idea what became of him; whether he was arrested, dismissed or shifted somewhere else.

This is one of the answers Feighan wants to unearth in his contemplated investigation.

He also wants to get the answer to another charge by "Goleniewski"—the CIA's authorities have attempted to discourage them, and may have to buy agents in their agency.

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And as far as he has been able to ascertain, nothing has been done as yet by the Johnson administration. That's why both Feighan and Senator Eastland propose to conduct inquiries to put on the official records of their committees the full details of this menacing backstage situation.

As recently disclosed by this column, since Nosenko's defection two high-ranking Soviet officials suddenly "died" under mysterious circumstances.

They are Pavel M. Zernov, Deputy Minister of Medium Machinery Buildings, and V. V. Borisoglebskiy, chairman of the military tribunal which handled the trial of former U-2 pilot Francis Powers after he was shot down over Russia. Officials were superiors of Nosenko before his assignment as chief KGB officer with Soviet disarmament delegation in Geneva. Only the most KGB agents are permitted to operate outside of Russia.

President de Gaulle's vaunted "Independent" nuclear strike

force is running into engine difficulties. While "le grand charley" is grandiloquently huffing and puffing about these Go-bombers, he has had to come to the U.S. for flying tankers for the U.S. for flying tankers for the U.S. engines to power them.

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